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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Assistant Director, Production

THROUGH : Chief, General Sciences Division, SI

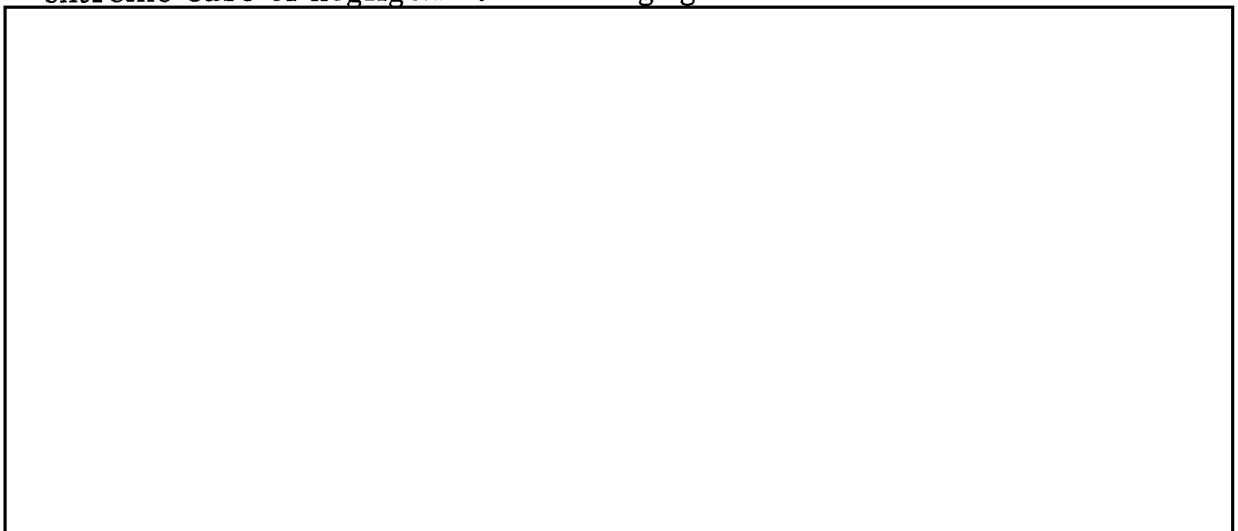
FROM : [REDACTED] ESB/GSD/SI

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1. At the request of [REDACTED] the undersigned, together with security safety officer [REDACTED] was asked to make an inspection of certain areas of NPIC. The object of the inspection was to determine if a toxic chemical hazard in the form of toxic vapors from chemicals or the handling of possible toxic chemicals was causing a dangerous condition or endangering the lives of people working in these areas. Apparently the words "cyanide" and "dangerous chemicals" got into circulation and precipitated cause for concern.

2. As a result of the inspection and based on the following analysis, it can be concluded as follows:

a. There does not appear to be an immediately dangerous or hazardous condition which could cause loss of life except in some extreme case of negligence. Such negligence would be the intro-



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e. There does not appear to be a problem in the room called "tank farm". This room is a floor above the photo laboratory rooms and contains several 300 gallon stainless steel sealable storage tanks plus several mixing vessels of about 150 gallons each. Here the various



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3. A suggested solution to major existing problems would be a separate ventilating system taking in fresh air and exhausting the used air for one entire floor or area in which would be located all laboratory facilities and related air contaminating equipment.

4. As concerns the photographic laboratory, [redacted] there is a trained, graduate chemist with over 6 years industrial experience in photographic chemistry laboratory work. Although new on his present job, he is in a position to observe and make appropriate recommendations on the chemical versus health problem in the photo laboratory. [redacted]

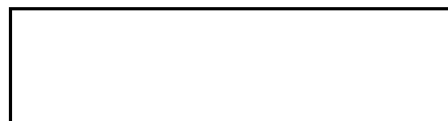
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[redacted] there has called attention to some areas requiring ventilation and action should be taken in this regard. [redacted] Chief Logistics Branch and [redacted] Security Officer, were most helpful. [redacted] security safety officer was also extremely helpful and also has proper recommendations to make looking to safety on a longer range basis.

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